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TRANSPORTATION FIRST.

One of the first considerations for success of the Merchants' week on Honolulu week, whatever the title of the Merchants' Association proposal may be, is adequate transportation and reduced rates at our leading hotels for visitors it is hoped to obtain from the other islands. However elaborate and attractive the program may be, its practical drawing power will be raised primarily by the living expense of the trip for people of the other islands.

First get the crowds and it is a foregone conclusion that Honolulu will not be remote in the entertainment of its guests. Many of these coming to Honolulu will naturally combine business with pleasure, but unless transportation and hotel rates are reduced the attraction will not prove very strong. This part of the preparations will best be carried out on the basis of large sales and small profits.

Money is tight among residents of the other islands as well as Honolulu and all arrangements must be made to suit conditions. In an event of this character not only business men are sought. They are likely to come anyway at such times as their business demands. Visitors are sought who under ordinary conditions would put off a Honolulu trip indefinitely, but will seriously consider coming to the city when special inducements in traveling rates as well as entertainment are offered. Neither the transportation companies nor the hotels can suffer. Indeed, be the rates high or low, they will probably reap the highest financial returns, and can well afford to assist indirectly if not directly in furthering the success of the proposed week.

LABOR'S PROSPERITY.

That combinations of capital and consolidations of industry are a benefit to wage-earners is the tenor of a majority of replies received by State Labor Commissioner O'Donnell, of Minnesota, in answer to a statement sent out several weeks ago. Combinations of capital, some of the wage-earners urge, result in extensive industrial establishments, enlarge the market for labor, and make it easier to get work. Consolidations of industries are declared to be a direct benefit to wage-earners in about the same ratio as they are to the consolidations. The acknowledged purpose of the consolidations is to reduce competition among producers. They have invariably resulted in the organization of employees into strong unions, and the more extensive the consolidation, the more effective, as a general rule, is the labor organization. Thus the consolidation tends to reduce the competition among the laborers, and instead of each man working for what he can get the labor organizations are able to make a schedule of wages and without recourse to strikes secure its adoption by employers, the workmen practically fixing their own wages, whenever their demands are reasonable.

All agree that labor was never more plentiful or wages higher than now. What effect consolidations will have in times of financial depression is an undetermined question. If the consolidations are strong enough to withstand financial strain and keep running, even though wages be reduced, they will be a benefit, and prevent as serious a depression as in years past. If they are forced to shut down, however, wage-earners think they will be in a worse condition than when there were more independent small employers.

State Labor Commissioner John McMeekin, of New York, in his bulletin for the last quarter of 1901, says that during that quarter only 4.6 per cent of 97,270 members of labor organizations in the State were idle, as compared with 8.5 per cent for the same 188 unions in the corresponding period one year previously, when the idleness was less than it had been in any of the preceding years. Similarly the proportion of members idle at the end of December declined from 25.7 per cent in 1900 to 19.1 per cent in 1901, the decreased idleness being particu-

larly noticeable in the building, clothing and baking trades.

A new feature of the 1901 report of the Bureau of Labor Statistics is a table showing the increases and decreases in 1901 in the rates of wages of members of labor organizations. The increases vastly preponderated over the decreases, 47,585 persons having obtained advances as compared with 2668 who sustained losses. The average per capita weekly gain of the former was \$1.97 and the loss of the latter \$2.67. The net result of all the changes was that these 50,253 members of labor unions gained a weekly addition to their wages of \$86,807, which is equivalent to an advance of \$1.72 each per week.

ACCIDENTAL SHOOTING

David Kanewani, of the editorial force of the Kuokoa and a young man well and favorably known in this city, was injured last evening by the accidental discharge of a revolver in the hands of a chum, Dan Ito by name.

Kanewani and another Hawaiian went home to their quarters in the Kamehameha Alumni club house quite early last evening and the two went into the room of the latter to have a little talk. They had not been there very long before David Ito, another occupant of the building, made his appearance at the door.

In Ito's possession was a revolver which he said was not loaded. He playfully rested it in the hollow of his left arm and pointed it between the two young men seated in the room. David Kanewani went into his room and got his rifle just in time to show to that he was not the only one who had firearms.

The young man who was with Kanewani in the room stated that while the latter was getting his rifle, he saw to put something into the revolver. What it was he does not know but he is satisfied from what Ito said when he first made his appearance that the revolver was not loaded up to that time.

At all events, when Kanewani returned to the room, he was still standing at the door with the revolver pointed in his direction and before a word could be spoken, there was a bright flash, a report and Kanewani fell to the ground with a bullet hole in his right cheek. Doctors were sent for and they found that the bullet from the revolver in the hands of Ito had pierced the cheek just to the right of the nose and had ranged downwards.

This forenoon, the patrol wagon was sent to the club house on Fort street and the injured man was sent to the Queen's hospital where at 3 o'clock this afternoon he will undergo an operation at the hands of Drs. Taylor and Wayson the doctors who were called in last night.

and that there aswkhFsm 74123456 Kanewani when seen today, stated that the whole thing was accidental and that there was absolutely no intention on the part of Ito to shoot him.

PLURALITY OF SITTING JUDGES

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the light of the common law, the statutory provision in question was merely permissive.

Mr. McCants Stewart rose to regret that the Bar Association was not given the opportunity to consider the rules before promulgation. Judge Estee had invited suggestions from the bar in formulating rules for the Federal Court.

Judge Humphreys retorted that the bar had no right to complain, as he suggested to it, two or three terms of the court, that its members should draw up rules. Mr. Kinney had asked him of the court would respect the conclusions of the bar, and the Judge had answered that while the court would reserve the right of revision he thought there would be no trouble.

Mr. Stewart said His Honor had mentioned the matter only at last term.

Mr. Stanley corrected the speaker by testifying of his own knowledge that Judge Humphreys had called attention to the need of rules ever since he had come upon the bench.

Judge Gear remarked, "We made the Rules because we felt ourselves strong enough," which caused a laugh all around.

Judge Humphreys expressed the sense of the court as being that it was still willing and desirous of having the bar make suggestions.

Judge Gear took the question under consideration.

TICKET BROKERS HERE

As a sign of how the Ward company's ticket sale is booming, it can be noted that a good bit of speculation is at present being done in tickets for these performances, the speculators buying blocks of good seats with the intention of disposing of them at higher prices when no more seats are to be had at the regular places.

One enterprising young man has already made a little stake out of tickets for the performance of "Virginia." He now holds a bunch for "Julius Caesar" which he is disposing of in the Japanese lottery method. This means, intending purchasers deliver a written bid at the Territorial Messenger Service office which is his headquarters, stating the seat wanted and the price he is willing to give. The seat, of course, goes to the highest bidder. As a sign of the times this shows that as a show town Honolulu is beginning to get well into line with cities on the mainland.

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JAMAICA SUGAR MEN GIVEN ASSISTANCE

London, April 24.—The government of Jamaica, with Mr. Chamberlain's sanction, propose to guarantee loans used to erect central sugar factories.

The state of trade among the sugar growers in the West Indies is alarming. Especially is this the case in Barbadoes, where 97 per cent of the exports are cane sugar. Reuter's correspondent at Barbadoes writes on February 28: "Owing to the exceedingly low price of sugar, which is the staple product of Barbadoes, the cost of production is not covered by its sale. The merchants, therefore, who advance money for the working of the estates, held a meeting on the 20th inst., at which it was decided to cease all advances. As it is impossible to work the estates without ready money, the Agricultural Society afterwards met and a deputation waited on His Excellency the Governor, today, praying that a petition might be forwarded to the Secretary of State for the Colonies asking for an Imperial loan with which to work the estates as otherwise, they would all have to be abandoned. His Excellency was not in favor of the petition as it stands at present, but promised to put the matter before Mr. Chamberlain. The crops will be reaped within six months from now, and then the government will be confronted with the task of supplying work and finding food for some 200,000 people. There is never more than a fortnight's supply of foodstuffs in the island; already some four business failures have taken place, and more are expected."

POSTPONES DEPARTURE

Commissioner John Barrett who is here for the purpose of investigating the business community in the proposition of sending an exhibit from the Territory to the Louisiana Purchase Exposition, called in at the Bulletin office this forenoon for the purpose of communicating the welcome information that he had made up his mind to remain longer in Honolulu than he had planned at first. Mr. Barrett said:

"I have postponed my departure for the Pacific for the 19th inst., on account of the importance and character of the work there is here for me to do and the desire I have to get better acquainted with the men and conditions in the islands."

"I am giving a dinner at the Mowea hotel this evening in honor of the movement which has for its object the participation of Hawaii in the Louisiana Purchase Exposition. The dinner will not be a particularly large one and will be confined to government officials and those connected with the movement which was set on foot at the Capitol soon after my arrival, as well as a few personal friends. There will be a few toasts in harmony with the occasion but there will be no set speeches of any kind."

"During the past week, I have talked with a great many of your most important business men and find that they are unanimous in the opinion that Hawaii should send a good exhibit to the Exposition. I have found none who are not enthusiastic over the proposition. Things are setting into good shape, all the indications are favorable, and I have great hopes of ultimate success. The matter of ways and means will be discussed and probably decided on finally at the meeting to be held in the office of C. M. Cooke, Bank of Hawaii, Friday afternoon."

WHEELING DESERTERS

The gunboat Wheeling is having hard luck. This morning, a communication arrived at the police station in which Captain Blockinger asks that the names of seven deserters from the vessel be posted and that a reward of \$10 would be paid for the return aboard of each of the men. The deserters with their descriptions are as follows:

Joseph Wightman, sailmaker's mate, 5 feet 3 1/2 inches, 165 pounds, brown hair, grey eyes, yellow complexion, scar right side of forehead and on back of right leg.

Edward Austin Jones, coxswain, 5 feet, 8 1/2 inches, 135 pounds, grey eyes, dark brown hair, ruddy complexion, "E" and two pierced hearts on left forearm, crescent and star back of left hand.

William Stone, bugler, 5 feet 6 1/2 inches, 148 pounds, blue eyes, brown hair, dark complexion, mole above umbilicus, scar four inches long above right ear.

George Hamilton Eddy, ordinary seaman, 5 feet 6 1/2 inches, 131 pounds, dark brown hair, ruddy complexion, scar left side head, left ring as little finger.

John William Bre Mar, apprentice second class, 5 feet 1 1/2 inches, 92 pounds, blue grey eyes, light brown hair, fair complexion, slight varicose, ink marks and anchor left forearm.

Andrew Hellenhart, ordinary seaman, 5 feet 7 1/2 inches, 147 pounds, blue eyes, brown hair, blond complexion, small mole left abdomen.

Francis Francis Driscoll, coal passer, 5 feet 5 1/2 inches, 137 pounds, grey eyes, brown hair, ruddy complexion, scar inner side left leg, "D. F. D." left forearm.

The steamers Waiabale and M'ahala arrived in port from Kaula this morning, the Waiabale coming from Honolulu with 3416 bags of sugar and the M'ahala coming from Koloa with a number of cabin passengers, 28 deck passengers and 4809 bags of sugar. Sugar awaiting shipment on Kaula is reported as amounting to 110,097 bags.

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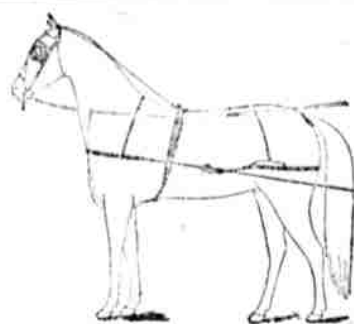
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McMAHON FROM SAMOA PRIZE DRILL PROGRAM

There was one passenger in the Ventura from Pago Pago this morning who was so glad to get back to Hawaii that, as soon as port was reached, he proceeded to create a poem declaring Honolulu the best place in the world. P. Maurice McMahon, dubbed "The Poet of Passion" by Volcano Marshall, returned to the Paradise of the Pacific from Samoa in the Oceanic steamship.

It was only a short time ago that he went forth to gather material for his pen in that lovely country. He now returns to say that Samoa is not what it is "cracked up" to be and that Hawaii is good enough for him. "Samoa is all right," said McMahon this morning, when he was discovered coming up from the steamer with his hands full of Samoan baskets and curios, "but the Samoans are a queer lot. There is as much difference between the Samoans and the Hawaiians as there is between a cabbage and a rose."

"Hospitality? The Samoans hospitable? No, sir. They work the white man for all he is worth. They are a wonderfully smooth people to your face, but make faces at you as soon as your back is turned. They are fine appearing folks, to be sure, but their 'talofa' (talofa) is an invitation for you to hand out all you have. Why, one old chap wanted to charge me two dollars for sleeping on his mat and eating some of his taro-tops."

"I love you," they say, 'Please give me a shilling.' "Back in the country they are great jokers. All they seem to care about is to make sport of the stranger. They have no respect for the white man at all. In the villages and in Pago Pago they are very polite, but they mean no real friendship by it all. "The siva dance, about which one hears so much, puts me in mind of a lot of monkeys hopping around a street organ."

"It rained a great deal and I guess I had a little touch of Aipla fever or something of the kind, while I was there, but, altogether, I enjoyed my trip notwithstanding the fact that I was very much disappointed in the Samoans. "The islands are beautiful. Fantastic shaped mountains, clothed in living green to their very summits, reach their rugged heads to pierce the clouds and all nature is decked in loveliness. "It is a mistaken idea that the Samoans have a large variety of food. Taro, coconut and fish were about all I encountered in the way of provender at native houses during my visits. "I am glad to be back in Hawaii and will proceed to write a book on Samoa. I will call it 'Faa-Samoa,' which means 'in the Samoan style' or 'Samoan fashion.'"

On the recommendation of Dr. Knapp the recently visiting Federal agricultural expert, Commissioner Wray Taylor has imported 250 pounds of crimson clover seed (trifolium incarnatum), which he is distributing. It is a splendid forage plant which Dr. Knapp believes will flourish in Hawaii's warm soils.

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